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SUB: 61ST ECOSOC - PAKISTANI INITIATIVE AND DECLARATION OF ABIDJAN

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1. IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT THE HARD LINE BEING TAKEN BY THE PAKISTANI DELEGATION, NOT ONLY IN HUSAIN'S GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT (REFTEL A) BUT ALSO IN THE INSISTENT ATTITUDE OF PAKISTANI G-77 COORDINATOR QUADRUD-DIN ON THE DRAFT DECLARATION OF ABIDJAN (REFTEL B), IS PART OF A STRATEGY TO HELP ESTABLISH THE RATIONALE FOR BHUTTO'S PROPOSAL FOR A G-77 SUMMIT. WE WILL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY ON DEVELOPMENTS PERTAINING TO THE DECLARATION OF ABIDJAN, BUT WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE HERE PAKISTAN'S TENACIOUSNESS IN TRYING TO MAINTAIN THE ORIGINAL G-77 POSITION IN THE FACE OF APPEALS FROM ECOSOC PRESIDENT AKE AND CERTAIN OTHER MEMBERS OF THE G-77 FOR AGREEMENT ON A NON-CONTROVERSIAL CONSENSUS TEXT TO SATISFY THE IVORY COAST'S REQUIREMENTS.

2. NOT ONLY WE AND SOME OF OUR WESTERN COLLEAGUES BUT ALSO SOME MEMBERS OF THE G-77 WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS INTERPRET IT
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AS AN EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE THE ALLEGED FAILURE OF INDUSTRIALIZED

COUNTRIES TO RESPOND TO THE LEGITIMATE NEEDS OF THE LCDS AND THE CONSEQUENT NEED FOR GREATER SOLIDARITY AND NEW INITIATIVES ON THE PART OF THE LATTER. FOR EXAMPLE, THE HEAD OF THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATION, WHO IS ONE OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS OF THIS ECOSOC, GAVE US HIS VIEW THAT PAKISTAN WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS POINT BY DEMONSTRATING FAILURE IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE DECLARATION OF ABIDJAN.

3. AN ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT, REPORTED TO US BY G-77 SOURCES, WAS PAKISTAN'S EFFORT IN YESTERDAY'S G-77 MEETING ON THE DECLARATION TO INCLUDE IN THE ORIGINAL G-77 TEXT AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE BHUTTO PROPOSAL. WE ARE TOLD THAT THERE WAS DEEP DIVISION OVER THIS, WITH MANY UNPREPARED TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO ENDORSEMENT, AND THAT THERE WAS A SEPARATE MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED REPS WHERE SOME VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED THAT THE BHUTTO PROPOSAL MIGHT BE COMPETITIVE WITH THE COMOMO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. THE UPSHOT WAS TO LEAVE THE G-77 DRAFT WITH A PARAGRAPH THAT SIMPLE "NOTES THEIR (DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) INTENTION TO HOLD FUTURE MEETINGS AT VARIOUS LEVELS, INCLUDING THE HIGHEST LEVEL, IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THEIR CONERTED EFFORTS IN ALL RELEVANT FIELDS." SMITH

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